

10 June 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Melding of the Economic and Energy NIO
Accounts -- the Re-Assignment of

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1. In light of Mr. Critchfield's decision to retire prior to 1 July 1974, the decision has been made to merge the duties of the NIO for Energy with those of the NIO for Economics. This was Mr. Critchfield's personal recommendation and a line of procedure which [REDACTED] independently decided would be the best way to handle the matters in question. It has been discussed with the DCI, who gave his approval on Friday, 7 June. The DCI was concerned whether [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would have enough help and support in discharging both sets of responsibilities. I explained to the DCI why we thought the arrangements outlined below should be adequate but promised that if they were not we would request further assistance -- which he, in turn, assured me would be authorized.

2. For the time being, [REDACTED] will try to handle both accounts with only one Assistant: Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be returning to OER to take over the International Transportation Branch. OER was anxious to have him back to take this assignment and [REDACTED] after careful reflection, decided that this was also his personal preference.

3. The structure of the new combined account and the support it will entail, particularly in light of [REDACTED] transfer back to OER, was discussed in detail in telephone conversations with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Walsh on 3, 5, 6 and 7 June. In return for our

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releasing [] back to OER, OER has agreed that [] will be able to call on the services of certain designated OER officers for a given percentage of their time. The details on this will be arranged between [] and Mr. Ernst. The operative principal with respect to the officers in question will be that [] [] will be able to utilize a given percentage of their time as a matter of right and not as a matter of courtesy.

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4. If this arrangement does not prove adequate, [] will be furnished another full-time Assistant of his choice to sit physically with him in the NIO structure and serve to support his efforts and [] on a full-time basis.

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